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By Ms. Gobi of Spencer, petition of Anne M. Gobi and others relative to certain regulations issued by the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority and the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction affecting the use of motorcycles. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Anne M. Gobi	Todd M. Smola
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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT REGARDING THE USE OF HIGHWAYS BY MOTORCYCLES; DISCRIMINATION BY POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS PROHIBITED.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 In formulating transportation policy; promulgating regulations;
2 allocating funds; and planning, designing, constructing, equip-
3 ping, operating and maintaining transportation facilities, no action
4 of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (Turnpike Authority) or
5 Executive Office of Transportation and Construction (EOTC)
6 shall in any way have the effect of discriminating against motor-
7 cycles, motorcycle operators, or motorcycle passengers. No regu-
8 lation or action of the Turnpike Authority or EOTC shall have the
9 effect of enacting a prohibition or imposing a requirement that
10 applies only to motorcycles or motorcyclists, and the principal
11 purpose of which is to restrict or inhibit access of motorcycles and
12 motorcyclists to any highway, bridge, tunnel, or other transporta-
13 tion facility.

14   The provisions of this section shall also apply to transportation
15 facilities and projects undertaken or operated by counties, cities,
16 towns, and other political subdivisions of the Commonwealth
17 where state or federal funds have been used in whole or in part to
18 plan, design, construct, equip, operate, or maintain the facility or
19 project.